



**Date:**

October 14, 2021

## Memo

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**To:** Paediatric Task Force Ontario Health (West)  
Paediatric Expert Panel Ontario Health (West)  
Primary Care Council Ontario Health (West)  
Health System Response and Recovery Table Ontario Health (West)  
Ontario Health (West) Regional Testing Advisory Committee  
Assessment Centre Accountable Site Contacts Ontario Health (West)  
Assessment Centre Working Group Ontario Health (West)  
Hospital Chief Executive Officers, Ontario Health (West)  
Indigenous Partners, Ontario Health (West)  
Community Health Centres, Ontario Health (West)  
Family Health Teams, Ontario Health (West)  
Ontario Health Teams – Executive Directors, Ontario Health (West)  
Public Health Units, Ontario Health (West)  
Emergency Physician Leads, Ontario Health (West)  
Ministry of Education partners

**From:** Bruce Squires and Jatinder Bains, Co-Chairs  
Paediatric Task Force, Ontario Health (West)

**Re:** **Paediatric COVID-19 Care Pathways**

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Ontario Health (West) Stakeholders,

Paediatric care pathways have been developed by the Paediatric Task Force and Paediatric Expert Panel in Ontario Health (West) region and have been approved for implementation. These pathways focus on Asymptomatic, Symptomatic and Hospital streams of care – all have community monitoring as a component. As well, a Paediatric COVID-19 Assessment Tool and a Caregiver Information Sheet have been developed for use and are attached:

- a. Asymptomatic Pathway
- b. Symptomatic Pathway
- c. Hospital Pathway
- d. Paediatric COVID-19 Assessment Tool
- e. Caregiver Information

As we collectively build toward building a minimum service standard for paediatric assessments for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, a readiness assessment was conducted. The next step is to ensure that we move to full implementation of the pathways across the Ontario Health (West) region. All sub regions/areas are being asked to work with their partners to implement the pathway over the

next two to four weeks. The target is that 80% of the components of the pathway will be implemented by October 31, 2021 with the remaining 20% to be activated by November 15, 2021.

Please share these documents broadly with your stakeholders.

If there are questions regarding the pathways, and/or implementation of the pathways, please feel free to reach out to Bruce Squires ([squiresb@HHSC.CA](mailto:squiresb@HHSC.CA)), Jatinder Bains ([jatinder.bains@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:jatinder.bains@lhsc.on.ca)), Karen Bell ([karen.m.bell@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:karen.m.bell@ontariohealth.ca)), Jennifer Mills Beaton ([Jennifer.millsbeaton@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:Jennifer.millsbeaton@ontariohealth.ca)), or Jana Fear ([jana.fear@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:jana.fear@ontariohealth.ca)).

Sincerely,

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